REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Haavisto. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Haavisto fails to disclose providing a recognition algorithm to recognize acoustic objects, where the acoustic objects comprise at least one of individual letters, combinations of letters or control commands; and acoustically outputting or displaying recognized acoustic objects, wherein if an acoustic object is incorrectly recognized, the recognition algorithm subsequently recognizes a first control command causes a speech recognition algorithm to expect repeated utterance of the incorrectly recognized object, and a second control command causes the speech recognition algorithm to output at least one further acoustic object, wherein a recognition probability of the at least one further acoustic object is less than the recognition probability of the previously output acoustic object, but greater than the recognition probability of other acoustic objects, or the further acoustic object is provided by a sequence of entries in a storage device of the device, as required by the claimed invention (as amended).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 4491122005700.

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However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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